

Agenda Item 14

Small Game Seasons

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Rule Action

Small Game Seasons

- Summary of Main Changes
 - Move crow season one month earlier
 - Reinstate two day September Goose Season
 - Senior pheasant season
 - Fall Turkey Season Expansion

Early Migratory Bird Seasons

- Recommendations:
 - Shift the crow season one month earlier as requested by the Waterfowl Advisory Group
 - Reinstate the two-day September Canada goose season in eastern Washington due to increase of the population above the management threshold

Senior Pheasant Season

- Expand the current western Wash senior season into eastern Wash.
- This proposal facilitates that expansion for hunters 65 and older immediately following the Sept youth season.

Fall Turkey Seasons

- Turkey populations continue to do very well in eastern Wash
- Previous expansions of fall seasons have not adequately reduced complaints
- Therefore the department is recommending expanding:
 - the fall general season extent and dates
 - and a permit season in central Wash

A close-up photograph of a turkey's head and neck. The turkey has a vibrant red head and neck, and its feathers are a mix of iridescent colors including blue, green, and brown. The turkey's head is turned sharply to the right, looking back over its shoulder. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Questions???

WA Dept. of Fish and Wildlife,
Information subject to changes and
amendments over time

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